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MEDIA ADVISORY

Veterans kick off Memorial Day weekend with a roar

300 motorcyclists to pay homage to Texas' greatest heroes Saturday, May 24

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FLORESVILLE, Texas — Three hundred motorcyclists are revved up for a Memorial Day salute to some of our nation's greatest heroes.

The Basics for the Best Memorial Day Run will culminate at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 24, at the Frank M. Tejeda Texas State Veterans Home, 200 Veterans Drive, in Floresville.

The run, which will feature a multitude of veteran motorcycle enthusiast groups, will escort to the home donated essential, day-to-day living items (socks, T-shirts, toiletries, blankets, etc.) from collection points in San Antonio, Portland, and Floresville (see rallying point list below). At around 11:30 a.m., a Memorial Day Ceremony will commence, followed by a barbecue lunch and a chance for the visitors to mingle with the residents of the home.

"We expect 300 motorcyclists to come, as well as police and fire escorts," said Nanci Struble, representative for the Frank M. Tejeda Texas State Veterans Home. "These items will complement the already outstanding care our residents receive and help them feel more at home."

Sponsoring the run are Joint Base San Antonio 5/6 and Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 23-8. They will be joined by fellow veterans motorcycle clubs the Green Knights, American Legion Riders, Cry Havoc, and others. Assisted by the mayor of Floresville and a contingent of local officials, the Patriot Guard Riders will line the driveway with flags. The Soldiers for Jesus Motorcycle Club will offer an invocation.

Created and operated exclusively for Texas veterans, their spouses and Gold Star parents, the Frank M. Tejeda Texas State Veterans Home offers superior care that is also Medicare and Medicaid certified. For additional information on Texas State Veterans Homes and special home, land and home improvement loans for Texas veterans, call 800-252-VETS (800-252-8387) or visit the web site at www.texasveterans.com.

WHO: 300 motorcyclists and a large crowd of patriotic Texans

WHAT: The Basics for the Best Memorial Day Run

WHERE: Frank M. Tejada State Veterans Home, 200 Veterans Drive, in Floresville (with rally points at San Antonio, Floresville, and Portland Walmarts)

WHEN: 11 a.m. Saturday, May 24

WHY: To honor veterans at the Frank M. Tejada State Veterans Home as well as those who have passed on

CONTACT: Frank M. Tejada State Veterans Home at 830-216-9456, ext. 101

RALLYING POINT INFORMATION

CORPUS CHRISTI: Riders are gathering at the Walmart in Portland on Saturday morning. Kick stands up at 8 a.m. Additional riders will join the motorcade in Beeville at around 8:50 a.m. For more information please send an email to gwritchey@gmail.com or call (361)779-0526.

FLORESVILLE: Riders are gathering at the Walmart in Floresville, 305 10th St., at 10 a.m. Kick stands up at 10:45 a.m., with a police and fire truck escort.

SAN ANTONIO: Riders are gathering at the Walmart at 7239 SW Loop 410 in San Antonio at 9 a.m. Kick stands up at 9:30 a.m.

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